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1. A rumored coup which was tentatively scheduled for [REDACTED] was delayed when a Thai Police alert prevented the Thai Navy from transferring sufficient arms and ammunition to the Thai Royal Air Force on schedule. As of [REDACTED] only 200 machine guns with ammunition had reached the Royal Air Force on a "loan" basis. The Navy is expected to transfer more weapons and ammunition in the near future. *

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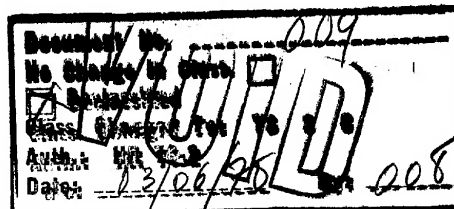
* [REDACTED] Comment. There is a possibility that the press and public condemnation of the increased corruption in the Government, particularly the opium traffic, will give the plotters the moral excuse for attempting the Government's overthrow a third time.

[REDACTED] Comment. The rumors concerning a coup attempt on [REDACTED] were innumerable and were mentioned quite openly in the press and in conversations. Possibly, it was a device of the Navy in its war of nerves with the Government. The transfer of arms to the Royal Air Force, if true, is an important factor because it indicates a change from neutrality to participation in a coup attempt. This substantial force, if actually and fully committed to the plotters' cause, may tilt the scales in their favor.

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[REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] for information concerning plans of the Pridi-Navy group for a new coup attempt.

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